

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 12, 2005**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2005 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, Building Commissioner David Seger, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 22, 2005. A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion** carried 3-0.

2005 TROUGH LOADER RECYCLING TRUCK

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein announced that a "Notice to Bidders" had been published in The Herald on March 15 and 22, 2005 for a 2005 Trough Loader Recycling Truck for the Street Department. Hemmerlein opened and publicly read the sealed bid, which included a bid bond and non collusion affidavit. Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle affirmed that three bids had been sought for the above item, but only one bid had been received. The bid was as follows:

Best Equipment Company, Inc.

2005 Sterling Acterra	\$137,300.41
Less Trade-in 1993 recycling truck	<u>\$ 13,500.00</u>
Net Price	\$123,800.41

Alternate Bid

2005 Chevrolet CC7500 with exceptions – Add \$721.00. If chassis is ordered after 4/21/05, add \$1,871.00 in lieu of \$721.00.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to take the bid under advisement and have the street commissioner review the bid and if the bid meets all specifications, then award the bid; but if the street commissioner feels the bid should not be accepted, then the street commissioner should come before the Board to discuss the alternate bid. **Motion** passed 3-0.

2005 REFUSE LOADING TRUCK

City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein announced that a "Notice to Bidders" had been published in The Herald on March 15 and 22, 2005 for a 2005 Refuse Loading Truck for the Street Department. Hemmerlein opened and publicly read the sealed bid, which included a bid bond and non collusion affidavit. Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle affirmed that three bids had been sought for the above item, but only one bid had been received. The bid was as follows:

Best Equipment Company, Inc.

2005 Ford F550

\$94,577.00

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to take the bid under advisement and have the street commissioner review the bid and if the bid meets all specifications, then award the bid. **Motion** passed 3-0.

SUMMER RIVERWALK CONCERT SERIES

Lois Kuntz, Administrative Assistant to the Mayor, presented the Summer Riverwalk Concert Series sponsored by the Jasper Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Kuntz then read the dates and the names of the performers. During discussion, Fire Chief Kenny Hoghgesang suggested that the Chamber contact the State Fire Marshall's Office concerning details about an Amusement/Entertainment Permit.

On **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies, approval was given to the Jasper Chamber of Commerce to use Buehler Plaza for their 2005 Summer Riverwalk Concert Series on Sunday, June 5, 2005 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, July 23, 2005 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, September 3, 2005 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on condition the Jasper Chamber of Commerce contact the State Fire Marshall regarding an entertainment permit. **Motion** passed 3-0.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

Mayor Schmitt presented a Contract for Services between the City of Jasper and the Jasper Chamber of Commerce for 2005. City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein explained the changes from the 2004 agreement.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the Contract for Services between the City of Jasper and the Jasper Chamber of Commerce from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. **Motion** passed 3-0.

TRAINS AND LOCOMOTIVE

Alan Barnett representing the Indiana Railway Museum and ROJAC and Richard Pearson also representing the Indiana Railway Museum were present. Mr. Barnett reported that Crane Naval Base has five train passenger cars and one switch engine that are Government surplus and the City of Jasper is eligible to acquire these items through the Government disposal program. Mr. Pearson presented photos of the

train equipment and said two cars could be operated today and three cars are in need of extensive repair. Mayor Schmitt said this offer is a package deal and the City would have to take all five cars, but some of the cars could be used for parts. Because a casino resort area may be developed in French Lick, Barnett said this would be a great tourism opportunity for the City of Jasper to run trains from the City to French Lick. Barnett then recommended that the City of Jasper pursue acquiring the trains since the City already has a train depot located in an area that will be developed as a tourist attraction. The cars would be at no cost to the City but there may be a cost for the engine which would be incurred by ROJAC or the Indiana Railway Museum. Barnett said the Indiana Railway Museum would be responsible for relocating the cars to Jasper and would pay any related costs incurred during the transfer.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to move forward to acquire the railway equipment from Crane Naval Base and that expenses would be borne by the Indiana Railway Museum and ROJAC and negotiate an equipment lease with the Indiana Railway Museum. **Motion** passed 3-0.

Mayor Schmitt asked Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle to be a part of the team.

716 E. 12TH STREET

Building Commissioner David Seger reported that city officials and the Dubois County Health Department inspected the Dennis Burgdorf property at 716 E. 12th Street. Seger stated that the property is in worse condition than it was when it was condemned. Seger also stated that he would present a written report to the Mayor and because the property cannot be repaired, he recommended starting the demolition process.

INDIANA RECYCLING GRANT

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle reported that the Jasper Street Department had received an Indiana Recycling Grant in the amount of \$3,136 from Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to fund the purchase of recycling containers. Eckerle stated that the total cost of 2,300 recycling bins and 1,000 lids would be \$12,547. He said he would like to proceed with this project, but would have to seek permission from the Common Council for an additional appropriation or a budget transfer in the amount of \$9,411.

A **motion** was made by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies to accept the \$3,136 grant from IDEM for recycling bins and lids and to approve the request from the Street Department to order 2,300 recycling bins and 1,000 lids on condition the Street Commissioner gets approval from the Common Council for an additional appropriation or transfer of funds. **Motion** passed 3-0.

2005 PAVING PROJECTS

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle presented a list of the 2005 street paving projects which consists of five phases. Phase I will begin next week.

HIRING PART TIME EMPLOYEES

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle requested hiring part time employees at the street department. He explained that he would need three or four persons to retain the level at six part time employees.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to hire part time employees at the street department in order to keep the level at 6 part time employees. **Motion** passed 3-0.

REPLACEMENT LABORER

Mayor Schmitt announced that the street department needed to fill a position that became vacant in February.

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the hiring of the replacement worker for the “Laborer” position at the Street Department that became vacant in February, and that it shall be effective as of Monday, March 28, 2005. **Motion** passed 3-0.

HEATING SYSTEM – STREET DEPARTMENT

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle said that after Mehringer’s Plumbing and Heating, the original installer, inspected the entire heating system at the street department some problems were discovered. He said that the cost for labor and materials to repair the system would be \$5,140. Eckerle requested permission to proceed with the repairs.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to proceed with repairing the heating system at the street department for a cost of \$5,140. **Motion** passed 3-0.

TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

Mayor Schmitt read a proclamation declaring April 10 through April 16, 2005 as Telecommunicators Week.

POLICE REPORTS

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented to the board for its review the following report.

Jasper Police Department March Activity Report

ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF

Mayor Schmitt said, at a later date, he will appoint Lt J.P. Weisheit to the position of Assistant Police Chief. The position was vacated earlier this year when Kirk Smith retired.

ALL-DAY PARKING – CLAY STREET

Thomas Schmidt reported that an individual had requested all-day parking with permit on the west side of Clay Street between 6th and 7th Streets. Police Chief Richard Gunselman requested time to review the situation. Originally an extensive study had been done to regulate parking, so now the Chief needs to look at the area to see if changes have occurred since these parking regulations began.

Traffic Counter and Speed Monitor. City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that he has acquired a demonstrator traffic counter and speed monitor.

PAGERS – FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang presented three quotes for 16 Monitor IV VHF Pagers. The quotes were as follows:

Distributor	Description	Total Price
Tri-State Communications	Motorola Minitor IV 2 freq. pager	\$5,812.00
Advanced Communications	Minitor 4 – 2 freq.	\$5,840.00
Harmonic Electronics, Inc.	Motorola Minitor IV 2 freq. pager	\$7,504.00

Fire Chief Hochgesang stated that it is the goal of the County to have all fire departments use this type of pager.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to accept the low quote of \$5,812.00 from Tri-State Communications for 16 Motorola Minitor pagers. **Motion** carried 3-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang presented a report for First Quarter 2005 fire department responses.

Fire Instructor's Conference. Fire Chief Hochgesang reported that he would be attending the Fire Instructor's Conference in Indianapolis on April 14 and 15, 2005.

CLAIMS

Claims against the City from March 4, 2005 through April 7, 2005 were presented and examined by the board. Those claims found to be just, due, and owing were approved upon **motion** by Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Victor Knies. **Motion** carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer
Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary